v. The banks have been advised to waive margin/security requirements for agricultural loans up to Rs. 50,000 and agri-business and agri-clinics up to Rs. 5 lakhs.

vi. All the Public Sector banks have been advised to reduce their lending rate for agriculture to a single digit rate of not more than 9% per annum on crop loans upto a ceiling of Rs. 50,000/-. This rate will benefit most of the crop loan account holders and will cover almost all the small and marginal farmers.

Electricity connections to DMS Booths

†2069. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 873 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of depositing the security amount of Rs. 10,000/- in DMS, no electricity connections have been provided in all day milk booths at Laxmi Bai Nagar and Kidwai Nagar;

(b) whether his Ministry is in receipt of complaint letters in this regard from Members of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by DMS to get electricity connections at the earliest in all day milk booths at Laxmi Bai Nagar and Kidwai Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) There are five milk booths in the area; one in Kidwai Nagar and four in Laxmi Bai Nagar, whose concessionaires have deposited the security of Rs. 10,000/- each for conversion of milk booths into all day milk stalls. Out of five All day Milk Stalls, electricity connections have already been provided to one booth in Kidwai Nagar and one in Laxmi Bai Nagar. Electrification estimate for one All day Milk Stall has not been received from NDMC. Electrification estimates in respect of two All day Milk Stalls in Laxmi Bai Nagar have been received, which are on very high side *i.e.* Rs. 92,650/- and Rs. 35,000/- but their sale of milk is very poor. Hence, they have not been given electricity connection. No complaint has been received in this regard from Members of Parliament.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.